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1. The amendment filed **February 28, 2002** as Paper number 17 is not fully responsive to the communication mailed **August 14, 2002** for the reasons set forth below:

The amendment contains new claims that include brackets which are indicative of the removal of terms and recitations. Applicants' attention is directed to 37 C.F.R. 1.121, Manner of Making Amendments. It is required that Applicants proofread and carefully review the said amendment and make the required changes with a new amendment.

2. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH** or **THIRTY (30) DAYS**, from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME LIMIT MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a). Direct the response to the undersigned. Applicant is requested to return a copy of the attached Notice to Comply with the response.
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner Alana M. Harris, Art Unit 1642, whose telephone number is (703)306-5880.

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